

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Franco Vallana et al.

Docket No.: SBC1025USC1

Anticipated Classification of this application:

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Subclass \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Application: 10/198,054

Examiner: Suzette Jamie Jackson

Group Art Unit: 3738

Mail Stop Patent Application

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for the filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of a  
☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, ☐ continuation-in-part of pending prior application Serial No. 10/198,054, filed July 18, 2002, entitled ANGIOPLASTY STENTS and naming as inventors Franco Vallana having an address of Via S. Massimo, 28, I-10123 Torino, Italy, Giovanni Rolando having an address of Via Nino Costa, 40, I-10034 Chivasso (Torino) Italy, Maria Curcio having an address of Via Ponte Rocca, 31, I-13040 Saluggia (Vercelli) Italy, and Paolo Gaschino having an address of Piazza Carletti, 3, I-10034 Chivasso (Torino) Italy.

1. ☒ Enclosed are 1 title page, 17 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims (31 claims), 1 page of abstract, and 6 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1 to 10).
2. ☒ Enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages) from the parent application Serial No. 10/198,054.

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3. ☒ Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- 4a. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- 4b. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below.

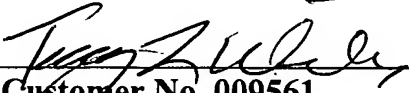
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Number Filed	Number Extra			Rate	Basic Fee
					\$770.00
Total Claims	31-20	11	X	\$18.00	\$198.00
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Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X	\$290.00	0
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5. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1054.00 is enclosed to cover the required filing fees.
7. ☒ Priority of application serial no. 01830489.9 filed on July 20, 2001, in Europe is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- 7b. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior application serial no. 10/198,054, filed July 18, 2002.

8. ☒ The Assignment records in the Patent and Trademark Office indicate that the parent application is assigned to: Sorin Biomedica Cardio S.p.A. This Assignment is recorded at Reel 013430, Frame 0878.
9. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the parent application is to at least the following: Thomas E. Popovich (Reg. No. 30,099), Terry L. Wiles (Reg. No. 29,989), Patrick J. O'Connell (Reg. No. 33,984), and Miriam G. Simmons (Reg. No. 34,727).
  - a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the parent application.
  - b. ☒ A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) and Form PTO-1449 listing 38 documents (2 pages, in duplicate) are enclosed.
11. ☒ A Communication (6 pages) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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